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During the last week of March 1952, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Torgau conducted courses for political Kommissare and reliable SLD members. The courses were on propaganda to enlist new Volkspolizei personnel. The courses were held because 60 percent of the personnel of VPDs were due for discharge after three years of service and about two thirds of them did not wish to reenlist. *

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* Comment. This information indicates that personnel to build up divisions is rather difficult to recruit. It probably is difficult to increase the small cadres, which are about 15 to 10 percent, to a normal cadre strength of about 25 to 30 percent. Universal military training will probably have to be introduced to bring the divisions to full strength.

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